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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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**SMECTITE CLAY INTERCALATED  
WITH POLYETHER BLOCK  
POLYAMIDE COPOLYMER**

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**Amendment**

In response to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2005, please  
amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.